Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Are the Government aware that, since the tables of contents of parts III and IV of the Gazette are not complete, much difficulty is experienced in making references to the Gazette ?

President : The Government member will make a note of it

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know why copies o the indexes are not being sold to the public ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : Government do not consider it necessary to do so.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Why not ?

President : Was there any demand from the public ? That is the question.

Mr. T. C. Thommen : There was no demand, Sir.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Why then are these indexes prepared, Sir ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen ; For Government use.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know the number of copies printed ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : I believe, about 400.

Qualification of teachers for promotion as Assistant Inspectors.

35. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have fixed any maximum period of service for teachers to entitle them to be appointed as Assistant Inspectors, and, if so, what is the period ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharn : *First Part.* No.

Second Part. This does not arise in view of the answer to the first part.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : What is the general rule as regards the period of service required for a teacher being appointed as Assistant Inspector ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There is no general rule for the purpose. Experienced teachers are recruited as Assistant Inspectors.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know what, in the opinion of the member, is the experience necessary to entitle a teacher to be appointed as Assistant Inspector ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I do not think any teacher is entitled to be appointed as Assistant Inspector. The question of the experience required for the purpose is a matter of opinion.

President : Apparently, Mr. Narayana Aiyar's question is whether any period has been fixed by the department for this purpose.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : No, Sir ; I have already stated that.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether, as a rule, teachers of long standing alone are appointed as Assistant Inspectors

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: No, not as a rule.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I ask whether an officer who has been Assistant Inspector for a number of years is not sometimes being reverted as teacher?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Does not the member think that such hands would have lost touch with teaching work and would have therefore become unfit for that work?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: That is a matter of opinion

Non-observance of public holidays by aided schools.

36. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that some aided schools are not bserving gazetted compulsory public holidays as holidays in their schools, and if so, the number of schools which are not observing such holidays and the reasons for the non-observance?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: All aided schools are allowed to follow their own calendar with the approval of departmental officers.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the department usually p blishes a list of compulsory public holidays?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Does not the department issue notices to all schools, containing a list of public holidays to be observed by them?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: No, Sir. Any such notification will only apply to departmental schools. Private schools are allowed to follow their own calendar, in the matter of holidays.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I am not asking about departmental schools alone. I want to know whether the department is issuing a list of public holidays to be observed by all schools.

Mr C. V. Chandrasekharan: I have said 'No.'

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I ask whether it is the policy of the department to see that any of the public holidays are observed by all schools in the State?

President: In other words, you want to know whether there is anything like compulsory public holidays for the educational institutions in the State.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: The whole matter is governed by Rules 101, 102 and 103 of the Education Code. The Education Code prescribes only 3 compulsory public holidays which have to be observed by all the schools in the State. Those 3 holidays are, Sundays, His Highness the Maha Raja's Birthday and His Majesty the King Emperor's Birthday.

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